## COMMUNICATIONS

## **TOP 4 ISSUES**

1ST - CULTURAL

2ND - PROCESSES

3RD - BULK

4TH - TRAINING

## CULTURE

#### **PROBLEMS**

- ⇒ POLITICAL
- ⇒ DON'T CHALLENGE
- ⇒ FEAR OF STRIPES
- ⇒ LACK OF HONESTY / TOTAL OPENNESS
- ⇒ HIDDEN AGENDAS
- $\Rightarrow$  C.Y.A.

#### **CULTURE**

#### **COMMUNICATION OPERATING STYLE**

- ⇒ SKILLS NEEDED
  - LISTENING
  - CLARITY
  - PROVIDE FEEDBACK
  - OPEN-MINDED
  - CONVICTION
  - ACCEPT / FOSTER CHALLENGES
  - COMPLETENESS / CONCISE / SIMPLE BREVITY
  - HIGH SELF-ESTEEM COMPETENCE
  - ALWAYS ACCESSIBLE
  - PROMOTE ENTITY ON THE FRONT OF THE JERSEY NOT ON THE BACK

#### CULTURE

- ⇒ SANITY CHECK FOR CULTURAL STYLE / SKILLS
  - 1) DO PEOPLE CHALLENGE YOU?
  - 2) DO YOU REINFORCE POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY WHEN CHALLENGED?
  - 3) DO YOU CHALLENGE A COMMUNICATION PROBLEM WITH THE ORIGINATOR?
  - 4) DO YOU REWARD A GOOD COMMUNICATOR?

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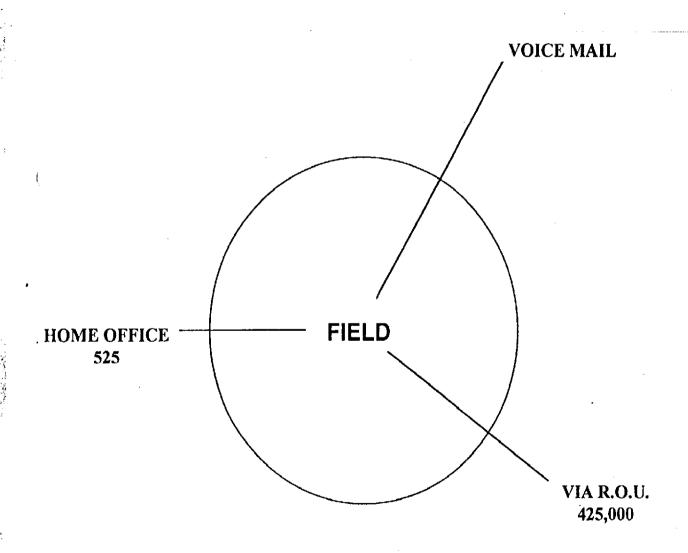
#### **PROCESSES**

#### **HOW TO BEST USE?**

- 1) TELEPHONE
- 2) FAX
- 3) VOICE MAIL
- 4) E-MAIL
- 5) LETTERS VIA MAIL
- 6) MEETINGS
- 7) OPEN DIALOGUE
- 8) DIRECTION VS. INFORMATION
- 9) FIRESIDE CHATS

# **BULK**

## TOO MUCH!!!



#### **TRAINING**

#### - POOR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

#### **SOLUTIONS**

- ⇒ ANSWER WHAT, WHY, HOW TO
- ⇒ BREVITY
- ⇒ CLARITY
- ⇒ PROMOTE FEEDBACK
- ⇒ PRIORITIZE
- ⇒ COMMUNICATE ONLY WHEN <u>NECESSARY</u>, MEANINGFUL, ACTION-ORIENTED
- ⇒ BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF PROCESS AND WHEN TO USE

RESPONSIBILITY STARTS WITH US - IT'S EVERYONE!

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